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Gentlemen:

The Physician Advisory Committee is pleased to present you our 2020 annual report pursuant to 85A O.S. § 17(B)(10). The information contained in this report reflects the activities and accomplishments of the Committee for the period of calendar year 2020. On behalf of the Committee, we appreciate and thank you for the continuing opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation  
For the Council

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
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**Presented to:**

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**2020 ANNUAL REPORT  
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**I.  
INTRODUCTION**

The Physician Advisory Committee on Workers' Compensation, created by 85A O.S. § 17 serves as an advisory body to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. This report identifies the progress and activities of the Council during calendar year 2020.

Membership of the Council in 2020 included: William R. Gillock, M.D., Chairman; Robert L. Remondino, M.D., Vice Chair; David Garrett, D.P.M.; James Rhodes, D.C.; C.B. Pettigrew, D.O.; LeRoy Young, D.O.; Jeff Duncan, D.O.; Gabriel Pittman, D.O. A current membership list, including medical specialty and appointing authority, is included in the appendices to this report. Staff support for the committee is provided by the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission as provided in 85A O.S. § 17.

**II.  
STATUTORY DUTIES**

- The statutory duties of the Physician Advisory Committee are set forth in 85A O.S. § 17(B), a copy of which is included in the Appendix. These duties include to: Assist and advise the Workers' Compensation Commission regarding utilization review as it relates to the medical practice and treatment of work-related injuries. Such utilization review shall include a review of reasonable and necessary medical treatment; abusive practices; needless treatments, testing, or procedures; or a pattern of billing in excess of or in violation of the Schedule of Medical Fees. The Physician Advisory Committee shall review and make findings and recommendations to the Commission with respect to charges of inappropriate or unnecessary treatment or procedures, abusive practices, or excessive billing disclosed through utilization review;
- Assist the Commission in reviewing medical practices of health care providers, including evaluations of permanent disability provided by health care providers. The Committee shall review and make findings and recommendations to the Commission with respect to charges of abusive practices by health care providers providing medical services or evaluations of permanent partial disability through the workers' compensation system;
- After public hearing, review and make recommendations for acceptable deviations from the American Medical Association's "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment";
- After public hearing, adopt Physician Advisory Committee Guidelines (PACG) and protocols for only medical treatment not addressed by the latest edition of the Official Disability Guidelines;

- After public hearing, adopt Physician Advisory Committee Guidelines for the prescription and dispensing of any controlled substance included in Schedule II of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act if not addressed by the current edition of the Official Disability Guidelines;
- Review utilization on cases or of providers when requested by any employer, injured employee or insurer. The Committee may issue a public or private censure to any provider for utilization which is excessive or inadequate, or recommend the Commission order treatment within the treatment guidelines;
- Provide general recommendations to the Commission on the issues of injury causation and apportionment;
- Conduct educational seminars for the Commission, employers, employees, and other interested parties;
- Assist the Commission in accessing medical information from scientific literature; and
- Report its progress annually to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### **III. 2020 ACTIVITIES**

During 2020, the Physician Advisory Committee discussed deviation from the AMA guides, Sixth Edition's shoulder impairment ratings, Senate Bill 1418, the 2020 Medical Fee Schedule, chronic pain management, and Drugs of Abuse in the workers' compensation setting. The Committee forwarded their recommendations pertaining to the AMA guides, Sixth Edition to the Workers' Compensation Commission for consideration.

### **IV. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Physician Advisory Committee held two regular public meetings in 2020. Copies of the agendas and minutes for each of the meetings are included in the Appendix to this report.

Regular meetings of the Physician Advisory Committee for calendar year 2021 are scheduled for March 26, 2021, June 11, 2021, September 10, 2021, and November 5, 2021. The meetings are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in the second floor Commission Chambers at the Workers' Compensation Commission, 1915 N. Stiles Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### **V. CONCLUSION**

The Physician Advisory Committee is pleased to submit this report. We hope our efforts help enhance meaningful review of medical issues affecting our state's workers' compensation system.

# Appendix



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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Physician Advisory Committee will hold a special meeting at the Workers' Compensation Commission Denver Davison Building, 1915 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma **2nd Floor Commission Chambers on Friday, January 31st, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Public Hearing with Public Comment Opportunity:** The purpose of this Public Hearing, pursuant to *85A O.S. § 17*, is to receive comment and information on the issue of deviation from the AMA guides, Sixth Edition in regard to rating of impairment for shoulder injuries and general use of the Sixth Edition. Public comment will be taken by the Physicians Advisory Committee but is limited to the public hearing agenda item.

**AGENDA**

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Roll call and determination of quorum
- (3) Announcements and Introductions
- (4) **Public Hearing.** The purpose of this Public Hearing, pursuant to *85A O.S. § 17*, is to receive comment and information on the proposed deviation from the AMA guides, Sixth Edition in regard to rating of impairment for shoulder injuries and general use of the Sixth Edition.
- (5) Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation for proposed deviation from the AMA's guides to the evaluation of permanent impairment for shoulder injuries and general use of the Sixth Edition.
- (6) Discussion and possible action regarding the Schedule of Medical Fees pursuant to *85A O.S. § 50(H)(14)*.
- (7) Discussion and possible action regarding SB 1418.
- (8) Discussion on changing date or location of the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting of the PAC.

Adjournment.



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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PHYSICIAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 31,  
2020 AT THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION IN  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**Present:** Drs. William Gillock, Robert Remondino, C.B. Pettigrew, LeRoy Young, James Rhodes, and Jeff Duncan.

**Others Present:** Hopper Smith Exec. Director WCC, Mark Liotta Chairman WCC, Jordan Russell Commissioner WCC, Megan Tilly Commissioner WCC, Sheila Harless OSBI, Kinsey Westwood State Chamber, Sheila Harless OSBI, Jeanne Edmondson Mercy Health, Collin Fowler WCC, Bob Burke, Joe Biscone, Trey Kouri, Jon Derouen, and Larry Spears.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. William R. Gillock, at 2:00 pm. The Secretary of State's office had been notified of the meeting and the agenda was posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission's Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations, and online on the Workers' Compensation Commission website.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Drs. William Gillock, Robert Remondino, C.B. Pettigrew, LeRoy Young, James Rhodes and Jeff Duncan were present. A quorum was noted.

**Announcements and Introductions:** Dr. Gillock asked all that were present to introduce themselves.

**Public Hearing. The purpose of this Public Hearing, pursuant to 85A O.S. § 17, is to receive comment and information on the proposed deviation from the AMA guides, Sixth Edition in regard to rating of impairment for shoulder injuries and general use of the Sixth Edition.** Dr. Remondino presented the background of the request for the PAC to review this portion of the AMA guides.

Bob Burke was recognized, gave public comment, and responded to questions of the PAC.

Joe Biscone was recognized, gave public comment, and responded to questions of the PAC.

Kinsey Westwood was recognized, gave public comment, and responded to questions of the PAC.

Having received public comment, Dr. Gillock closed the public hearing and preceded to the addressing the agenda items of the meeting.

**Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation for proposed deviation from the AMA's guides to the evaluation of permanent impairment for shoulder injuries and general use of the Sixth Edition.** Dr. Gillock presented a letter with the PAC's recommendations to WCC regarding proposed deviations from the AMA guides, sixth edition to rating impairments for shoulder injuries.

Dr. Remondino made a motion to proceed with the letter of recommendations presented by Dr. Gillock and send it to the WCC Commissioners.

Dr. LeRoy Young Seconded the Motion

Yes- Dr. Gillock, Dr. Remondino, Dr. Young, Dr. Rhodes, Dr. Duncan.

No- Dr. Pettigrew

The motion passed.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Schedule of Medical Fees pursuant to 85A O.S. § 50(H)(14).** Commissioner Jordan Russell updated the PAC on the process of the Medical Fee Schedule Review.

**Discussion and possible action regarding SB 1418.** The PAC Discussed this item, no action was taken.

**Discussion on changing date or location of the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting of the PAC.** Dr. Remondino made a motion to move the meeting of Junr 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Dr. Pettigrew Seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment.**

Dr. Young made a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Remondino Seconded.

The motion passed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.



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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Physician Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting Friday,  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 3:00 PM via Zoom Teleconference

<https://zoom.us/j/96406317278?pwd=dVZlMnBteWxWUUhVYUJCCUtqbTd5QT09>  
1 (346) 248-7799

Meeting ID: 964 0631 7278

Password: 1234

The PAC may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, change the sequence of any agenda item, or vote to strike or not discuss any agenda item.

**AGENDA**

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Roll call and determination of quorum

Dr. William Gillock will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. Robert Remondino will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. David Garrett will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. James Rhodes will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. C.B. Pettigrew will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. Jeff Duncan will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. Gabriel Pitman will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. Melissa Gastorf will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference  
Dr. LeRoy Young will appear remotely via Zoom Teleconference

- (3) Announcements and Introductions
- (4) Discussion and approval of minutes from the last meeting of 11/8/19.
- (5) Announcements and Comments from the Commissioners.
- (6) Discussion and possible action regarding the Schedule of Medical Fees.
- (7) Discussion and possible action regarding the actions of the past legislative session, including the prior recommendation of the PAC regarding deviation from the Guides in rating of the shoulder.
- (8) Discussion and possible action regarding chronic pain management.

- (9) Discussion and possible action regarding Drugs of Abuse in the workers' compensation setting.
- (10) Update on the Fall Workers' Compensation meeting.
- (11) Approval of the next meeting date currently scheduled for 9/11/20.
- (12) New Business
- (13) Adjournment.



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AT THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION IN  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**Present:** Drs. William Gillock, Robert Remondino, C.B. Pettigrew, LeRoy Young, James Rhodes, Jeff Duncan, Melissa Gastorf, Gabriel Pitman, and David Garrett

**Others Present:**, Mark Liotta Chairman WCC, Jordan Russell Commissioner WCC, Collin Fowler

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. William R. Gillock, at 3:00 pm. The Secretary of State's office had been notified of the meeting and the agenda was posted at the Workers' Compensation Commission's Oklahoma City and Tulsa locations, and online on the Workers' Compensation Commission website.

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum:** Drs. William Gillock, Robert Remondino, C.B. Pettigrew, LeRoy Young, James Rhodes, Jeff Duncan, Melissa Gastorf, Gabriel Pitman, and David Garrett were present and a quorum was noted.

**Announcements and Introductions:** Dr. Gillock asked all that were present to introduce themselves.

**Discussion and approval of minutes from the last meeting of 11/8/19.** Dr. Pettigrew made a motion to Approve the minutes of 1/31/2020 Dr. Remondino Seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**Announcements and Comments from the Commissioners.** Dr. Gillock asked Commissioner Russell to talk about upcoming legislation.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the Schedule of Medical Fees.** Dr. Remondino complimented the WCC on the work of the new medical fee schedule.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the actions of the past legislative session, including the prior recommendation of the PAC regarding deviation from the Guides in rating of the shoulder.** No Action Taken

**Discussion and possible action regarding chronic pain management.** The PAC members discussed the use of Suboxone.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Drugs of Abuse in the workers' compensation setting.** The PAC discussed the use of medical marijuana and measuring THC to find levels of intoxication. No Action Taken

**Update on the Fall Workers' Compensation meeting.**

Collin Fowler updated the PAC on the switch to a digital webinar instead of an in person convention.

**Approval of the next meeting date currently scheduled for 9/11/2020**

No Action Taken

**New Business**

No New Business

**Adjournment**

Dr. Pettigrew Motioned For Adjournment. Dr. Remondino Seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:01.